

# Framework Church—Lead Pastor Candidate

Vice-Chair Announcement - March 11-12, 2023

As Vice-Chair of our Local Board of Administration, I am excited to share an important announcement. **On March 7<sup>th</sup>, the Church Board unanimously nominated Rev. Jason Blaikie as the sole candidate for congregational vote as our next Lead Pastor.**

We are so grateful that God opened the door several years ago for the Blaikies to join the Framework family. We thank God for the unique gifts and passion He has entrusted to Pastor Jason. In our desire to maximize the impact of his leadership, the LBA has recommended a team-teaching approach for the foreseeable future in which Pastor Jason will leverage the deep bench that God has blessed us with in our Pastoral Team as they will share in the preaching load in keeping with our current rotation. To be clear, in this model of leadership Pastor Jason will not be preaching the majority of the time.

On the weekend of March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Jason will be preaching as our official candidate for Lead Pastor. Immediately following each service, voting booths will be open for 30 minutes staffed by our LBA secretary, Noah Winslow, and myself. This voting opportunity is for every person aged 16 and up who calls Framework Church their spiritual home to come to the booth and cast their ballot. This includes those who are not yet Church Members because of our desire as your board to hear from the entire Framework family and to provide the strongest mandate possible for our new Lead Pastor. Once the final tally of votes has been reported to Pastor Jason on Sunday afternoon, an email will be sent to the church family with an update on the results and the Blaikie's response.

This will be the only time the congregation will have the opportunity to vote on Pastor Jason moving forward, unless the LBA requests a congregational vote at some point in the future. There is a robust and regular rhythm of evaluation for any Lead Pastor with an Extended Call as directed by the District Superintendent, along with the LBA. Anyone with questions may reach out to me as Vice-Chair, and I will be happy to discuss this further with you.

All Framework attendees aged 16 and over are eligible to vote. Framework Member ballots will be one color—all other attendees will receive a ballot of a different color. All votes are important, however; only **Members' votes are binding**.

If you are a Member of Framework Church and are unable to be present on either March 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>, please contact Noah Winslow as LBA Secretary, who will explain the voting procedure for absentee ballots. **Absentee voting is only available to Church Members.**

Rev. Bud Fancy will continue to serve as our Lead Pastor until the second Sunday of July. Pending a positive voting outcome that is accepted, Pastor Jason will not begin serving as our Lead Pastor until after July 9<sup>th</sup>. After Pastor Bud's final service this summer, he and Irene will be taking a break from any scheduled church activities or services until the New Year in 2024. This will allow our Framework family time to adjust and bond with our new Lead Pastor. After this six-month break, we will welcome the Fancys back as part of our spiritual family at Framework.

The LBA thanks you for your prayerful support during this season of discernment as we all prepare for the Spirit to guide us in this important decision.

**To God be the glory—great things He has done, is doing, and will do!**